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○ Transmittal of Letter Received From KIBITZ-15

REF : EGQA-24188, 1 September 1953 and EGQA-8163, 29 September 1953

1. A letter was received recently from KIBITZ-15, addressed to the U.S. Army in Heidelberg, passed on to CIC, then to our liaison officer and forwarded to us. KIBITZ-15 expressed a desire to see one of his former case officers regarding "old and new aspects of an important nature". Decision was made by mission officials for the undersigned to contact KIBITZ-15 on a non-committal basis for the purpose of obtaining any leads or information which he might want to pass on to us.

2. On 15 October 1953 [ ] met KIBITZ-15 who submitted a report concerning various REDCAP possibilities which also included the case already sent you in Reference. KIBITZ-15 asks whether we still have any interest regarding these cases or more details which he can supply and also wants to know if he should make the necessary preparations to surrender any active cases to the Berlin Post or some other Berlin agency.

3. We therefore are attaching a translation of his report for whatever action you may want to take. We wish to be informed of your reaction to this and also any suggestions you might have in picking up these leads. It is also suggested that you confer with [ ] who is presently assigned to your Base and who knows the background of the KIBITZ net and the agents involved.

4. [ ] did not discuss any details with KIBITZ-15 but merely "accepted the information for delivery to the proper authorities".

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(Translation of KIBITZ-15's Report)

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I report the following:

(Since my original data are in Bavaria, this can only be a short summarization.)

1. In ref. Berlin

- a) Selma had a date with 2 young officers to "defect". At the same moment we stopped the operation. Nevertheless, Selma keeps up connections with them; but on their advice she had to leave East Berlin, because she was being watched and had been seen repeatedly in the West. She works presently in West Berlin. She maintains loose contacts with the East.
- b) Margarete works in the same place. She visited in West Germany for 3 weeks. Has connections with 2 officers and their friends.  
She contends that she would be able to defect immediately with them if she had the guarantee of work and housing for herself as well as for the 2, possibly even for 4, men.  
She told me (since everything has been quiet since early in May) that she would be able to defect with several men, if we guaranteed her a job in a hospital within 2-3 months.
- c) Hela has intensified her contact to an H.O. director in Thuringia. She claims that she can defect with him at any moment if we are interested. In spite of our refusal, she seems to have continued activities.
- d) It is generally agreed that even among Russian officers, dissatisfaction is evident, due to the fact that they are forbidden to circulate and to fraternize. Even conversation is prohibited to Russian officers in the hospital about their impressions of the West.  
Margarete reported hearing comments that Western propaganda is too occidental and does not take the Russian milieu and Russian tendencies enough into account.  
A Russian officer patient told her that it would be more effective to approach them from an East-European--not merely a European--point of view.  
Further details, if requested.

2. In Ref. Astronomy professor

He and his wife were on a visit in Goslar. They confirmed on the whole what the papers have said.  
He was originally a bit SEDish, but wavers today, though he still is enthusiastic about Eastern culture as opposed to American culture.

He likewise misses in our entire Eastern propaganda an approach to the way of life in the East.

Verbatim: "The freedom of the West alone is not a strong enough inducement".

He declared himself ready to put at our disposal his scientific knowledge and experience with the Russians upon guarantee of work in the West.

He reports considerable political contrasts in the minds of Russian intellectuals.

He was not yet willing to report details concerning his work, since he did not know me well enough.

He might be useful.

3. In Ref. Gottfried--Leipziger Messe.

He was there. Also found press reports generally correct. Put considerable material in form of press reports and other Communist literature at my disposal. All of it may, however, be known to us.

He had frequent contacts with German functionaries with whom an outspoken conversation was not only possible but welcomed. It was impossible for him to establish contact with Russian officers. He did not attempt it any more after the work was discontinued.

Reporter had the opportunity--during a visit--for a long and detailed conversation with acquaintances from the other side. If you are interested, I can procure details on business organizations, their promoters, on taxation, on receipts of orders and payments through German as well as Soviet agencies, organization of wholesale trade, of industry, of universities, of HO's.

There is much doubt concerning morale and readiness for service among the People's Police, examples were cited.

More intensive work was again prevented by discontinuation of the action.

4. After stoppage of the work further cases were neither called upon nor prepared.

They, nevertheless, appeared promising.

Consequently the proposal is reiterated to hand over at least the cases of Selma, Margarete and Hela to a local Berlin agency for further treatment.

5. In conclusion this reporter wants to state that--as promised--he has personally done no more in this affair.

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All of the above mentioned matters came to him directly or through middle-men.  
Third men of any kind, intermediaries or cross connections had no hand in it.

6. Questions

- a) Are you interested in any of these matters?
- b) Are you interested in any indicated details?
- c) Shall this reporter keep up at least a loose connection with former contacts?
- d) Shall <sup>NY</sup>preparations be made to transfer the Selma case, etc., to Berlin agency?  
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